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1. It was learned in mid-June 1950 that the twelve barracks buildings in Quarnbeck near Quedlinburg (M 52/D 35), in which VP units were quartered, were recently separated by a wire fence 2 meters high from the six barracks buildings inhabited by the families of workmen of the Soviet Corporation iron works, Thale. A guardhouse was under construction. The VP units, restricted to quarters, numbered 2,000 police, including two recently arrived units. \*
2. A Soviet colonel formerly visited Quarnbeck for monthly inspections of the state of artillery training. His office was located in Halle (M 52/D 92), where the VP officers went for monthly training.
3. Construction work on garages and gun sheds in the billeting area was speeded up.
4. Polizeirat Hablitz, (fhu), was CO of the 5th Arty Kommando, which was organized into four Abteilungen, each with about 80 men and commanded by Oberkommissare.

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5. VP units would hold record firing in 1950, allegedly at either the Altengrabow (M 53/Z 00), Jueterbog (N 52/E 69), or Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) ranges.

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6. It is said that Kochstedt was to become the largest VP post in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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\* Comment. Previous reports indicate that the 4th VP Bereitschaft (Inf) is stationed in Quedlinburg. However, the guns previously reported indicate that at least the 5th Kommando is receiving artillery training. There may be plans to improve the combat

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capabilities of the infantry Bereitschaften by blending into them an artillery Kommando, so that the organizational structure of an infantry Bereitschaft approaches that of a Soviet rifle regiment.

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